



Springville City Recreation Coach Pitch League Rules

Coach Pitch playing rules are simple and are intended to be so. Games should be exhibitions of the player's ability and progress in mastering the basic fundamentals of the game of baseball.

1. The ball shall be pitched by the coach. The coach can pitch the ball overhand or underhand. The emphasis is to have every batter hit the ball.
2. The pitcher shall take their position on the pitcher's mound while the coach pitches the ball.
3. Batters are not permitted to bunt. The emphasis is to teach each ball player the skills of hitting the ball. There is an arc about 10 feet in front of home plate that the ball must go past to be a fair ball.
4. Base runners are not permitted to steal or to lead-off bases.
5. ***Base runners may not advance on overthrows at any time, even if it remains in fair territory in the outfield.***
6. There is no "infield fly" rule.
7. When a ball is batted to the outfield, all base runners may continue to advance until the ball re-enters the infield area. At the instant the ball reaches the infield, each base runner may proceed to the base he is approaching, but a new base attempt is not permitted.
8. ***Regulation games are 1 hour.***
9. ***Score for the games will not be recorded.*** Winning versus losing is not the basic philosophy of this league. Developing the basic skills and confidence in each player is the true philosophy.
10. **Every player bats in each inning, however if the player gets out, either by a forced out or fly out, then they must leave the base. No players will strike out.** After 7 – 10 unsuccessful pitches, the batter can be sent to first base.
11. It is requested that all coaches be more concerned with their ball players than with winning! Coaches please remember the long term affect that you can have on each player on your team.
12. It is up to the coaches if they need to be in the field while their team is on defense, we suggest that you try not to be in the field after the second week of the season.